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- Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use I.(a) only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
 - County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" II. in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below. United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box. Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box I or 2 should be marked. Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this III. section for each principal party.
- Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code IV. that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
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- Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional VI. statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. VII. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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DESIGNATION FORM(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: 6744 Dicks Avenue, Phila, PA 19142								
Address of Defendant:	825 Connell Avenue, Yeado	on, PA 19050						
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: On Cottman Avenue at or near Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia, PA								
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4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights Yes No No								
I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is / is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.								
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NO.

RONALD LORD, JR.

CIVIL ACTION - COMPLAINT

6744 Dicks Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19142

and

KAREN E. PATTERSON

8630 Forrest Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19150

and

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

PATTERSON TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.

8630 Forrest Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19150

VS.

RICHARD A. RICHARDSON 825 Connell Avenue Yeadon, PA 19050

and

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 3190 S. 70th Street, Room 201 Philadelphia, PA 19153

and

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

c/o Department of Justice Eastern District of Pennsylvania United States Attorney 615 Chestnut Street, Suite 1250 Philadelphia, PA 19106-4476

- 1. This court has jurisdiction over the claim asserted over the Defendant, United States Postal Service and United State of America, on the grounds that the claim is brought pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §1346(b), since it involves an agency of the United States of America as well as the fact that the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 2. This court has supplemental jurisdiction over all other claims asserted in this action under 28 U.S.C. §1367(a) because they are so related to the claim asserted against the Defendant, United States Postal Service, that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.
- 3. Venue in this court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1402(b) because Plaintiffs, Ronald Lord, Jr., Karen E. Patterson and Patterson Transportation Services, Inc., are residents of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- 4. Venue in this court is also proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1402(b) because the act or omission complained of occurred in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

Parties

- 5. Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., is an adult individual who resides at 6744 Dicks Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19142.
- 6. Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson, is an adult individual who resides at 8630 Forrest Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150.
- 7. Plaintiff, Patterson Transportation Services, Inc., is a Pennsylvania corporation with a principal place of business located at 8630 Forrest Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150.
- 8. Defendant, Richard A. Richardson, is an adult individual who resides at 825 Connell Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050.

- 9. Defendant, United States Postal Service, is a sovereign nation comprised of numerous federally authorized agencies and independent establishments of the Executive Branch of the United States Government, duly organized and existing under the laws of the nation, including the United States Postal Service, with a registered office for business, located at 3190 S, 70th Street, Room 201, Philadelphia, PA 19153(hereinafter referred to as "Post Office").
- 10. Defendant, United States of America, is a sovereign nation comprised of numerous federally authorized agencies and independent establishments of the Executive Branch of the United States Government, duly organized and existing under the laws of the nation, including the United States Postal Service, with a registered office for business, located at 615 Chestnut Street, Suite 1250, Philadelphia, PA.

Statement of Facts

- Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., was operating a vehicle in which plaintiff, Karen E. Paterson, was riding as a passenger, which vehicle was owned by Plaintiff, Patterson Transportation Services, LLC, defendant, Richard A. Richardson, who was in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant, United States Postal Service and/or Defendant United States of America, suddenly and without warning, carelessly and negligently operated and controlled his vehicle, that it was caused to strike the vehicle Plaintiff was operating, which vehicle was then and there lawfully proceeding, as a result of which both Plaintiffs sustained serious personal injuries, hereinafter more specifically set forth.
- 12. At the time and place aforesaid, the carelessness and negligence of the Defendants by its agents, ostensible agents, servants, workers and/or employees, consisted of the following:
 - a) Operating the said automobile at a high and excessive rate of speed under the

circumstances;

- b) Failing to have the said vehicle under proper and adequate control;
- c) Failing to give proper and sufficient notice of her approach;
- d) Operating the said vehicle without due regard for the rights, safety, and position of the Plaintiff;
- e) Violating the various ordinances and laws of the City and County of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and/or the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pertaining to the operation and control of motor vehicles;
 - f) Failing to exercise due care and caution under the circumstances;
 - g) Failing to maintain an assured clear distance;
 - h) Failing to maintain a proper lookout;
 - I) Disregarding traffic controls and/or conditions;
 - j) Being inattentive; and
 - k) Negligent entrustment.

COUNT I RONALD LORD, JR. VS. RICHARD A. RICHARDSON, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- 13. Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., incorporates herein by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 12, inclusive, as fully as though the same were herein more fully set forth at length.
- 14. As a direct result of Defendants' carelessness and negligence as aforesaid, by its agents, ostensible agents, servants, workers and/or employees, Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., sustained various internal and external serious and permanent injuries in and about the head, body, limbs and psyche, as well as various other and more particular injuries and conditions that may be established,

all of which have caused him and will continue to cause him great pain and agony, and have prevented him and will continue to prevent him in the future from attending to his daily duties and occupation, all to his great financial damage and loss.

- Defendants, Richard A. Richardson, the United States Postal Service, and the United States of America, Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., has sustained such injuries as a result of which he has been required and obligated to receive and undergo medical attention and care and will incur various medical expenses, and will be obliged to expend additional sums of money for the same purpose in the future in order to treat his injuries which are permanent and severe in nature, causing a permanent loss of bodily function, which satisfies the threshold requirements of the Federal Tort Claims Act, the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act and/or the Sovereign Immunity Act.
- 16. Further, by reason of the aforesaid, Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., has been obliged to expend various sums of money for medicine and medical attention in and about endeavoring to treat and cure himself of his said injuries, and will be obliged to expend additional sums of money for the same purposes in the future, all to his great financial damage and loss.
- 17. As a further result of the accident and the injuries sustained therein, Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., has and may suffer a severe loss of his earnings and impairment of earning capacity and power, all of which has been and will continue to be to his great financial damage and loss.
 - 18. Written notice of said claim was provided to Defendants on October 15, 2019
- 19. Plaintiffs' claim is not barred by the Federal Tort Claims Act, the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act and/or the Sovereign Immunity Act in that Plaintiff's claim falls within the exceptions provided under the aforementioned Acts to governmental immunity.
 - 20. Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., avers that his injuries and damages were caused solely by

the negligence of the Defendants as hereinbefore set forth.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Ronald Lord, Jr., demands judgment against the Defendants, Richard A. Richardson, United States Postal Service, and the United States of America, in an amount in excess of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs.

COUNT II KAREN E. PATTERSON VS. RICHARD A. RICHARDSON, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- 21. Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson, incorporates herein by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 20, inclusive, as fully as though the same were herein more fully set forth at length.
- 22. As a direct result of Defendants' carelessness and negligence as aforesaid, by its agents, ostensible agents, servants, workers and/or employees, Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson., sustained various internal and external serious and permanent injuries in and about the head, body, limbs and psyche, as well as various other and more particular injuries and conditions that may be established, all of which have caused her and will continue to cause her great pain and agony, and have prevented him and will continue to prevent her in the future from attending to her daily duties and occupation, all to her great financial damage and loss.
- 23. Plaintiff avers that as a direct result of the negligence and carelessness of the Defendants, Richard A. Richardson, United States Postal Service and the United States of America, Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson, has sustained such injuries as a result of which he has been required and obligated to receive and undergo medical attention and care and will incur various medical expenses, and will be obliged to expend additional sums of money for the same purpose in the future in order to treat her injuries which are permanent and severe in nature, causing a permanent loss of

bodily function, which satisfies the threshold requirements of the Federal Tort Claims Act, the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act and/or the Sovereign Immunity Act.

- 24. Further, by reason of the aforesaid, Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson., has been obliged to expend various sums of money for medicine and medical attention in and about endeavoring to treat and cure herself of her said injuries, and will be obliged to expend additional sums of money for the same purposes in the future, all to her great financial damage and loss.
- 25. As a further result of the accident and the injuries sustained therein, Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson, has and may suffer a severe loss of her earnings and impairment of earning capacity and power, all of which has been and will continue to be to her great financial damage and loss.
 - 26. Written notice of said claim was provided to Defendants on October 15, 2019.
- 27. Plaintiffs' claim is not barred by the Federal Tort Claims Act, the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act and/or the Sovereign Immunity Act in that Plaintiff's claim falls within the exceptions provided under the aforementioned Acts to governmental immunity.
- 28. Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson, avers that her injuries and damages were caused solely by the negligence of the Defendants as hereinbefore set forth.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Karen E. Patterson., demands judgment against the Defendants, Richard A. Richardson, United States Postal Service, and the United States of America, in an amount in excess of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs.

<u>COUNT III</u> PATTERSON TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. VS. RICHARD A. RICHARDSON, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

29. Plaintiff, Patterson Transportation Services, Inc., incorporates herein by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 28, inclusive, as fully as though the same were herein more fully set forth at length.

30. As a direct result of Defendants' carelessness and negligence as aforesaid, by its agents, ostensible agents, servants, workers and/or employees, Plaintiff, Patterson Transportation Services, Inc.'s vehicle sustained extensive damage requiring repair and replacement of parts, together with labor charges all to Plaintiff's great financial damage and loss.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Patterson Transportation Services, Inc., demands judgment against the Defendants, Richard A. Richardson, United States Postal Service and the United States of America, in an amount in excess of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs.

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